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## LEGISLATIVE ACTION

### Update: Extended Alcohol Sales Bill (SB 384) Defeated

Last week, Councilmember Koretz  introduced a resolution to the Los Angeles City Council opposing a state bill (SB 384) that proposed to extend the current cutoff time for alcohol sales in bars, restaurants, and nightclubs to 4 a.m.

Thanks, in part, to those who called the State Assembly and State Senate along with the many activists who joined Councilmember Koretz at City Hall for a press conference to oppose the bill, the Appropriations Committee radically changed the bill to a safety study.

As quoted by [LA Weekly](#), Koretz [stated] that he was pleased with the bill's apparent demise: "Short of shutting this bill down completely, the appropriations committee did the next best thing to turn it into a study bill. And I hope they include the costs to society and government of extra law enforcement, extra emergency services, deaths and injuries. That said, we are prepared to fight any similar versions of this bill because public safety is not for sale."

The full LA Weekly article is available here at this [link](#). We can sleep a little safer now that this short-sided bill has been defeated.

### September Is Now Civic Engagement Month in the City of

LA



On Sept 1, 2017, the Los Angeles City Council declared September as Civic Engagement Month in honor of the work of the Neighborhood Councils and for all of the City's public engagement efforts. Neighborhood Council Board Members from across the City attended the City Council's presentation for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.



In attendance from Council District 5 were members of the South Robertson Neighborhood Council and the Mid-City West Community Council Board. CD5's Mid-City West Community Council Board Members Emily Kantrim and Nick Solish were recognized as 2017 EmpowerLA Award Winners. To find out more about Neighborhood Empowerment, [click here to watch their 2-minute video](#) that will explain how the nation's largest civic engagement system operates.

#### NEWS YOU CAN USE

## Comment Period for the Environmental Review of the City's Sidewalk Repair Program is Ending on September 15th

Reminder: The City of Los Angeles is conducting an environmental review process for its sidewalk repair program, Safe Sidewalks LA.



The time period for the public to submit comments and concerns on the environmental Notice of Preparation/Initial Study ends on Friday September 15, 2017.

The City of Los Angeles encourages members of the public to submit a comment by going to the Safe Sidewalks LA comment page at [sidewalks.lacity.commentinput.com](http://sidewalks.lacity.commentinput.com). Comments can be submitted online or in writing via mail.

The purpose of the environmental review is to continue to amend and expand implementation of the sidewalk repair program and make City pedestrian facilities compliant with applicable accessibility requirements.

Comments are due no later than September 15, 2017.

## September is National Preparedness Month



Since September 11, 2001, the United States Government has taken great steps to encourage all citizens to make their own survival preparations. September 11th highlighted the importance of being prepared for tragedies, and so September was chosen as "National Preparedness Month".

To help you get prepared, the Department of Homeland Security has a website you can visit for information: [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov). You can find information there about how to prepare for

earthquakes, floods, and what supplies you will need, protecting your pets before disasters strike, dealing with extreme heat, and so on.

In the City of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Fire Department offers courses on preparedness – in particular the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) program. Since the LAFD invented the first CERT program in the country in 1986, it has trained tens of thousands of individuals on things like how to suppress small fires, basic first aid, evacuation tactics, search and rescue tactics, and communications including the use of radios. CERT has since spread nationwide to many cities and counties. This training is FREE and we encourage all to take this course. However, you don't have to attend this course to be prepared, and the LAFD does have information about other resources to help you. Please visit [www.cert-la.com/](http://www.cert-la.com/) for more information.

## Handyworker Program Available for Low-Income Seniors and People with Disabilities

The Los Angeles Housing + Community Investment Department offers a variety of services for people with disabilities, including programs for low-income homeowners to ensure their homes are safe and healthy. The City ensures that these programs are accessible and available to people with disabilities.



In order to help prevent crime and accidents in the home, one service the City provides is the Handyworker Program. The program provides free minor home repairs for low-income seniors and persons with disabilities who own and live in a single family home in the City of Los Angeles. This program also helps homeowners and renters install Safety and Security Devices. The repairs of single family homes are for routine maintenance or minor repairs and improvements that address homeowners' basic health, safety, and accessibility concerns. Learn more about these services at <http://hcidla.lacity.org/services-disabled-persons> or the toll-free hotline at **(866) 557-7368**.

### OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

## Tickets Available for the 2017 Breakfast Honoring the

## Women of the Los Angeles Fire Department

The Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation supports the LAFD in protecting life, property, and the environment by providing essential equipment, training, and public outreach programs to supplement city resources. Join them Friday, September 15th for the [2017 Breakfast Honoring Women of the LAFD](#). Tickets are complimentary to LAFD members and \$50 for community members. The deadline to RSVP is September 11.



If you are interested in attending, please hurry up and RSVP to [Rachel@supportlafd.org](mailto:Rachel@supportlafd.org) or call (310) 552-4192. Rachel can also help you with ticket and sponsorship opportunities.

## Friends of the Encino-Tarzana Used Book Sale

Thousands of used books, as well as CDs, DVDs and Audio Books, will be available at the Encino-Tarzana Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library for 50¢ - \$1.00. Proceeds will be used for programs, supplies and books. The Friends of the Encino-Tarzana Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library (FOL) is a nonprofit organization of volunteers that is dedicated to enhancing the Library's resources and services since 1972.



## Photo of the Week Team Koretz and NBA Nick Young at the Robertson Recreation Center Groundbreaking

Councilmember Koretz joined NBA Superstar Nick Young, the Department of Recreation and Parks, and the Department of Public Works to celebrate the groundbreaking of the Robertson Recreation Center. The Robertson Recreation Center, located at 1641 Preuss Rd, will undergo a transformation of the gymnasium thanks to funds from Proposition K for our neighborhood youth. Looking forward to seeing you at the ribbon cutting in approximately 18 months.

## Adopt Some Love

Looking for a new furry companion? Check out these LA Animal Shelter Dogs and Cats of the Week from the East Valley & West Valley City Animal Shelters. Please come meet our dogs and cats – they need homes now. Both shelter are open Tuesday through Saturday 8 am to 5 pm; Sunday 11 am to 5 pm (closed Mondays). Click on any photo below for details.



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